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Article Title: ***Maersk Alabama Battles Pirates for Second Time***

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Somali Pirates attacked The Shipping Vessel, MV Maersk Alabama. This is the second time the Pirates attacked this same shipping vessel. Over the summer in April they hijacked the ship and held the captain hostage for five days after being shot and killed by snipers. The captain wasn’t on the ship during the attack but he has hired ex-military personal to keep his ship pirate proof. When the pirates fired their weapons there greeting was automatic weapons being shot at them and a high-decibel noise device and they got off the ship with their crew being safe and secure.

When I read this article I was really surprised that there has been another attack on a ship. I would figure that it would be on the news but I guess that since the crew was safe then it really isn’t a big deal. I hope that someday we can go through the ocean without having guards on your ship to protect you from people who are really desperate. I hope that if we have to go to war with them we will.

What I wonder is why were just sitting watching pirates take over our ships. Why not go to Kenya and try and bomb or infiltrate the camps were they train pirates and take them prisoner.

This relates to my topic because pirates Is my topic. Pirates need to be shown what it is like to be and innocent civilian and have a gang take their stuff and sometimes kill them. Then need to be show what their doing to our country and many others.

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Article Title: ***Pirates Seize Oil Tanker, U.S.-Bound, Off Somalia***

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Somali pirates have again struck another shipping vessel. This has been the biggest ship they have ever seized, an oil tanker containing $150,000 in oil coming from Saudi Arabia to the United States. It was 800 miles off shore when the pirates made their move to take the ship. The ship is owned in Greece and no reports or a ransom have been made for the 300,000 pound vessel.

While I was reading the article I was wondering what is going through their minds. Why would people want to risk hurting many other people just to get their needs. That oil was suppose to go to the United States to help us put gas in are car and help us mow the lawn and many other things. But if this piracy continues we might not be able to support ourselves with the demand of oil at its peak and new scientific break troughs coming through we need to ship things over sees. There is no way we can import a huge amount of oil by plane. We need these pirates to learn what there doing to every country and how their hurting them.

A question I still have after reading is how do the pirates get on the ships when they get there.

This article relates to my topic because pirates is my topic. They are people who are causing a pain to the shipping industry because of them. They need to now take extra precaution when they go on international waters. And they also need to spend more money that could be used for their company on security now.